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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-114, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:
 - (a) Local education agencies shall establish, pursuant to rules promulgated by the state board of education, guidelines to insure the waiver of school fees for students who receive free or reduced price school lunches.
 - (b) As used in this section, "School fees" means:
 - (1) Fees for activities that occur during regular school hours;
 - (2) Fees for activities and supplies required for participation in all courses offered for credit or grade;
 - (3) Fees for field trips and other off-campus enrichment opportunities;
 - (4) Fees or tuition applicable to courses taken during the summer by a student; except that nonresident students regularly enrolled in another school system may be required to pay fees or tuition for such summer courses; and

(5) Fees required for graduation ceremonies.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.

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